

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**  
**(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)**

Chairman: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1  
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2  
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4  
Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5  
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6  
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., District No. 7  
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8  
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, June 18, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., at 6:34 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr. Supervisor ex officio; and Mr. Richard Lingenfelter, Staff Attorney. Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5, was excused.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Councilmember Crosby called the Committee to order with the first item on the agenda. Ms. Annette Harmon, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal Fee Administrator, Re: Berkeley County Franchise Agreement.

Ms. Harmon stated to the Committee the contractor had requested two additions: 1) to charge a late fee of 1½ percent of unpaid balances on all accounts that are more than 30 days overdue; and 2) to charge a redelivery fee of \$25 on roll carts that have been picked up due to unpaid balances.

Councilmember Spooner moved for approval; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Farley.

Chairman Crosby opened for discussion.

Councilmember Davis asked were the requests not in the original bid document?

Ms. Harmon answered stating the contractor made these requests after the contract was awarded, but the contract was not yet signed. In the past there have not been late charges reflective on the billing.

Councilmember Davis expressed that he would like a credit for missed pick-ups be added to the contract.

The motion was passed by voice vote of the Committee. Councilmember Davis voted "Nay."

Chairman Crosby read the next item on the agenda. Mark R. Schlievert, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Re: Sealed Bids.

Mr. Schlievert explained to the Committee that currently there were 330,000 cubic yards of wood waste and yard debris at the landfill. The site is permitted for 395,000 cubic yards. That leaves 65,000 cubic yards or approximately 1½ year ability to take incoming yard debris, trees, wood products, etc. Due to the shortage of space, bids were sent out for composting/grinding operations. It was anticipated that the project could be done for approximately \$300,000. Unfortunately, the lowest bid was from D&S Construction of Pineville, Inc. for \$728,000. Therefore, the second option was to purchase the equipment. The equipment can be purchased for \$691,398 through a purchase/lease, with payments divided over a five years period. The equipment needed would be a trommel screen and a grinder. Mr. Schlievert recommended purchasing an Ex-Tex machine (trommel screen) for \$193,715. His recommendation was based on durability, horsepower, and required specifications. Mr. Schlievert indicated the department has had a model of the machine on site for two months and it has required no maintenance. Mr. Schlievert's recommendation for a grinder was a Diamond Z grinder by Tri-State. It is a 1000 horsepower tube grinder with a separate grapple loader. This machine has been demonstrated on site and the Heavy Equipment Shop Foreman was impressed with this machine.

Mr. Rozier asked what the cost would be to purchase an extra loader, if another grinder was purchased?

Mr. Schlievert indicated that cost would be in excess of \$300,000. Therefore, if the Diamond Z grinder with the loader were not purchased there would be a need for an additional loader.

Chairman Crosby asked Mr. Schlievert how the bidding was done?

Mr. Schlievert explained there were bid openings for contracting out the composting operation, as well as the purchase of the trommel screen and grinder machinery. The purpose of this was to find which avenue would be more cost effective for the County.

Councilmember Spooner moved to approve the purchase of the equipment; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Pinckney; and passed by voice of Committee. Councilmember Mims voted "Nay."

The next item was, Ms. Denise Mitchum, CPPB, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Director of Purchasing, Re: Agricultural Lease.

Ms. Mitchum asked the Committee to reject the bid from Mr. Lewis Winningham for 4 lots of land at \$1 per lot. The reason for the request was the individual that had the contract previously, Mr. Fiddie, was under the assumption he was still under contract. Therefore, he proceeded with planting crops on the land. To prevent any hardship to Mr. Fiddie, the department would like the bid to be rejected and in the future Mr. Fiddie will be notified before the contract has expired.

Councilmember Spooner moved to reject the bid; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Pinckney; and passed by voice vote of the Committee. Councilmember Davis voted "Nay."

Chairman Crosby read into the record; Consideration of Resolution declaring certain vehicles and miscellaneous items as surplus to the County's needs.

Mr. John Hamer, Public Buildings explained to the Committee there were vehicles that need to be declared surplus, as well as vehicles that needed to be declared junk.

Councilmember Davis moved to approve; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Pinckney; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Crosby moved forward with the next item on the agenda. Gregory K. Rines, GIS Director, Re: Technology update.

Mr. Rines and Mr. Lee Eanes conducted a PowerPoint presentation for the Committee illustrating the information technology capabilities of the GIS Department. The system can do the following:

- 1) An animated movie of any property in the County. This feature can be used with economic development presentations to show potential investors the property and the facility they are planning to build on the property. Berkeley County is the only county in South Carolina that has this capability.
- 2) The program will assist emergency dispatcher in finding streets. Dispatchers will input the street name; the street will come up in a localized area map, as well as; a total view of Berkeley County. There is also a pull down screen with a list of which EMS and fire department that is to respond. Eventually, this could be in police cars when they are equipped with their own laptop computers.

- 3) The program allows the assessor's office and several other departments to access the GIS explorer. This program is designed strictly to find parcels. It also gives various information in regards to a parcel including: owners name, site address, deed book and page, plat book and page, acreage and zoning. The system has the ability to label maps with TMS #'s and road names. The maps can also display water and sewer lines in the area.

Councilmember Spooner moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Pinckney; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.